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1. By order of the East German Ministry of the Interior, a new Bau-Union is to be formed during 1955 for the purpose of construction and re-pair of roads and bridges in North Korea. It will be known as Bau-Union Korea.   25X1

2. The proposed chief is Minister for Machine Construction Selbmann's[1] brother, who has fallen into disfavor for his performance in supervising the construction at Stalinstadt (formerly Fuerstenberg/Oder). He is to be given this opportunity to reinstate himself.

3. The Bau-Union is to be made up of approximately 600 engineers, technicians, and foremen (Meister), and a small number of administrative personnel. They will continue to be paid their present salaries, plus an allowance of the ruble equivalent of 30 eastmarks a day, and will receive a one-year contract.

4. In order not to deplete the skilled labor forces of any one Bau-Union, volunteers have been called for from all the Bau-Unionen in East Germany. The response is reported to have been good. Final selections are to be made through SED Kreis Committees.   25X1

1. _____ Comment: Reported as received. Fritz Selbmann is Minister of Heavy Industry; Heinrich Rau was Minister of Machine Construction as of March 1955   25X1

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